



## ENDURE NEWS, Issue 14, December 2011

Welcome to the 14th edition of ENDURE News, the electronic newsletter from ENDURE. Please feel free to share this newsletter with colleagues.

- **[Update from the Scientific Officer](#)**

This is an exciting time for Integrated Pest Management, a strange thought considering that IPM dates all the way back to the 1950s, writes Marco Barzman (pictured right), ENDURE's Scientific Officer.



- **[Shedding light on national pesticide initiatives](#)**

ENDURE researchers focused on providing scientific support to policy have looked back into history at a number of national initiatives to reduce pesticide use or risk.



- **[ENDURE, a resource for IPM projects](#)**

ENDURE invites research and extension projects to make use of and contribute to the information, tools and services it offers.



- **[Advisers' newsletter: third issue out now](#)**

ENDURE's Network of Advisers (ENA) has published its third newsletter, bringing advisers up to date with all the resources ENDURE can offer. It includes details of a workshop for advisers being organised by ENDURE, news on the PURE research project and the inside story on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in Germany.



- **[Country profile: Germany](#)**

In the second of our country profiles we examine Germany, where the task of implementing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) through the National Action Plan (NAP) is being addressed through a range of measures. The most important of these is the development of crop or sector specific guidelines designed to provide farmers with the information they need to grow crops according to the principles of IPM.





- **[New ENDURE-IOBC book on biological control](#)**

ENDURE brought together an original mix of representatives from industry and research from across Europe. With this collective expertise, ranging from basic biology to applied field work and marketing, the group set out to identify knowledge gaps and key factors for a more widespread application of biocontrol of agricultural pests.





- IPM workshop for European advisers planned**  
 Advising for IPM: New challenges -- an IPM workshop for advisers. ENDURE and the ENDURE Network of Advisers, with the support of INRA, France, are planning a European workshop for advisers on IPM to take place in the first quarter of 2012.



- ENDURE in French / ENDURE en français**  
 De nombreuses parties du site ENDURE sont désormais disponibles en français. Many parts of the ENDURE website are now available in French.



- Building European bridges for IPM implementation**  
 Reducing pesticide use and risk remains high on the agenda of EU Member States, and for the third time since 2007, a Member State has taken advantage of its EU Presidency to organise a policy seminar on the issue. The latest seminar was staged earlier this month by Poland's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, and focused on Sustainable use of pesticides and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in East-Central Europe and the Baltics.


- Sharing weed control knowledge across the Baltic**  
 While the long-term aim of ENDURE is to reduce agriculture's reliance on pesticides, in particular through its work examining the redesign of cropping systems and non-chemical alternatives, there is a recognition that short-term progress on reducing the impact of pesticides can be achieved through strategies aimed at optimising their use.


- Strategies and guidelines at symposium**  
 More than 40 participants from 16 countries tackled the topic 'Crop and Sector Specific Guidelines for Integrated Plant Protection', the theme of May's 4th International Symposium 'Plant Protection and Plant Health in Europe' (PPPHE) in Berlin, Germany.


- French leaflets focus on maize**  
 Three new leaflets in French have been published, focusing on maize based cropping systems in four different regions in Europe: Northern Europe, Spain, Italy and Hungary.


- Conference to tackle IPM in East-Central Europe**  
 ENDURE's partner from Poland, the Plant Breeding and Acclimatization Institute (IHAR), is hosting a conference focusing on pesticide risk and use reduction in Eastern and Central Europe and the Baltics this September to mark the Polish presidency of the European Union.



## Recently added crop protection events

- 7th International IPM Symposium**  
 27-29 March 2012: Memphis, Tennessee, USA. The 7th International IPM Symposium, 'IPM on the World Stage - Solutions for Global Pest Challenges', will be

held in Memphis, Tennessee, USA on March 27-29, 2012, at the Memphis Cook Convention Center.

- **64th International Symposium on Crop Protection**  
May 22 2012: Ghent, Belgium. The 64th International Symposium on Crop Protection is being held at the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering at Ghent University, and will focus on new developments in all aspects of crop protection.
- **12th Congress of the European Society for Agronomy**  
20-24 August 2012: Helsinki, Finland. The 12th Congress of the European Society for Agronomy (ESA12), takes place in Helsinki, the capital of Finland, and offers the opportunity to visit some of the country's two million hectares of arable land, in addition to a conference programme which takes a number of themes from 'agriculture at the extremes', including tolerance to stresses, pushing the margins of sustainability, and extending models of crop growth to include responses to long days and cool droughts.
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